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Honorable Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in response to the Notice of
Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 29, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 51, as indicated.

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51. (Amended Once) A binding compound comprising an antigen binding site
from an antibody, which specifically binds to a mammalian IL-B30/p40 complex,
said complex comprising an IL-B30 subunit (SEQ ID NO:2 or 4) and a p40
subunit of human or murine origin, wherein said antibody immunologically reacts
with an epitope present d by the IL-B30/p40 complex, but is not substantially